

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: IONEX COMMUNICATIONS NORTH, INC.	DOCKET NOS. TCU-00-21 TCU-98-9 TF-00-83
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**ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO CANCEL CERTIFICATE, ISSUE
NEW CERTIFICATE AND APPROVE TARIFF**

(Issued May 31, 2000)

On April 10, 2000, FirsTel, Inc., filed a request to cancel its existing certificate (Certificate No. 175), issued in Docket Nos. TF-98-152, WRU-98-28-465, and TCU-98-9. The Board of Directors of FirsTel, Inc., amended its articles of incorporation to change the corporation's name to Ionex Communications North, Inc. (Ionex). The Utilities Board (Board) issued an order and certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide local exchange service in the state of Iowa, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29 (1999) to FirsTel, Inc., on July 14, 1998.

Ionex filed tariff pages that reflect the new company name but do not change the rates and terms of service previously offered by FirsTel, Inc. The filed tariff pages are in substantial compliance with 199 IAC 22.2(4) and will be approved.

The Board will grant the request to change the name of the company to Ionex Communications North, Inc., and will issue a new certificate of public convenience and necessity. The certificate of public convenience and necessity issued July 14, 1998, to FirsTel, Inc., identified as Certificate No. 175, will be cancelled.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The request filed on April 10, 2000, to cancel the certificate of public convenience and necessity of FirstTel, Inc., will be granted.
2. The tariff filed by Ionex Communications North, Inc., on April 10, 2000, identified as TF-00-83, is approved to be effective on the date of issuance of this order.
3. A certificate, identified as Certificate No. 0214, is issued to Ionex Communications North, Inc., with this order.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 31st day of May, 2000.